


a cover to be removably secured to said open end, said cover separating the medicine held within from an outside environment; and

a descriptive iconic label capable of identifying the medicine without reference to another source.

3. (Deleted)

 4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said iconic label depicts the reason why the medicine is being used.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said iconic label depicts the results of the consumption of the medicine by a patient.

6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said iconic label depicts the symptoms which the consumption of the medicine by a patient is expected to alleviate.

7. A method for marking a medicine receptacle comprising:
affixing a label about the exterior of a receptacle; and
providing on the label a descriptive, non-textual iconic representation that describes the medicine.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein said step of providing further comprises depicting a desired result of a patient consuming the medication.

11. An icon for marking a medicine receptacle, comprising:
- a label having first and second sides;
- said first side having an adhering surface and said second side having an external printable media;
- a descriptive graphic conveying to a patient the type of medicine within the receptacle.

12. (Deleted)

13. (New) The icon of claim 11, wherein said descriptive graphic depicts the symptoms which the medicine is used to treat.

14. (New) The icon of claim 11, wherein said descriptive graphic depicts the reason why the medicine is taken.


15. (New) The icon of claim 11, wherein said descriptive graphic depicts the ailment that the medicine treats.

16. (New) The icon of claim 11, wherein said descriptive graphic depicts the results of consumption of the medicine.

17. (New) A label for marking a medicine container, comprising:
- a descriptive, non-textual icon that graphically describes the medicine in the container.

18. (New) The label of claim 17, wherein said icon does not contain any alphanumeric characters.

19. (New) A device for describing the medicine contained in a medicine receptacle, comprising:

 a label having a picture that alone identifies the medicine, said label being capable of mounting to the receptacle.

20. (New) The device of claim 19, wherein said picture depicts why the medicine is being used.

21. (New) The device of claim 20, wherein said picture depicts the body part for which the medicine is being used.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claim 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Claims 1-3 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,261,702 ("*Mayfield*"). Claims 4-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of *Mayfield*.

A. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

The Examiner rejects claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, based on the Examiner's belief that an inconsistency exists between the language in the preamble of claim 1 and portions of the body of that claim. The preamble of claim 1 has been amended to cure any perceived